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NOTICE.

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H. L. DENNYS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [214

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) the 15th inst., commencing at 2.30 P.M.

Ranges, 200 and 500 yards. Entrance, 30 cents.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1898. [65

NOTICE.

THE Sale by AUCTION of Nos. 25 and 27, WINGLOK STREET will not take place as previously advertized.

MOUNSEY & BRUTTON,
Solicitors for the Vendor.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [215

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY Order of the REGISTRAR of the SUPREME COURT, the Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
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TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [219

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [217

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
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TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), the 15th January, 1898,
at 12 o'clock NOON,
at Messrs. HOP YIK CHAN'S GODOWN,
West Point,
For Account of the Concerned,
50 cases FORMOSA CAMPHOR.
TERMS.—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [218

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
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TUESDAY, the 18th January, 1898,
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Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [212

INTIMATIONS.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

HIS Excellency the GOVERNOR, Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., will preside at the PRIZE DISTRIBUTION at the above Government Institution TO-DAY (FRIDAY), January 14th, at NOON.

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G. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D.,
Head Master.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [204

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE FIRST CONCERT of the Season will be held at the THEATRE ROYAL, City Hall, TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), the 15th January, 1898,
at 9.15 P.M.

MEMBERS who have not received TICKETS for this Season can obtain the same on Application to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. T. WRIGHT, or the Undersigned.

J. F. A. HASTINGS, R.N.,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [143

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

A SCOTCH CONCERT will be given at 9.15 P.M. on 25th January in ST. GEORGE'S HALL to Commemorate the Anniversary of the Birth of ROBERT BURNS.

Seats may be booked at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.

Further Particulars in future Advertisements.

DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [171

EWO COTTON SPINNING & WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th January, 1898, to the 15th January, 1898, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1897. [2053

THE LABUK PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 130 of the Companies Ordinance, 1865, that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named COMPANY will be held at No. 4, PRAYA CENTRAL on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of having an account laid before them by the Liquidators shewing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the Property of the Company disposed of and of hearing any Explanation that may be given by the Liquidators and of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts, and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidators thereof shall be disposed of.

A. W. WALKINSHAW,
JAMES H. COX,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [172

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the General Managers, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on MONDAY, the 17th January, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 17th Jan., both days inclusive.

MEYER & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [173

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 19th, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [196

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898, at 12 o'clock (NOON) for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 19th, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [197

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 29th inst., at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 29th instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
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Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [185

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Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [148

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [124

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the PERSEVERANCE LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on MONDAY, the 17th inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [186

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on THURSDAY, the 20th January, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [198

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL on FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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Della, German str., for Singapore.
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DEPARTURES.

Jan. 13, HAILOONG, British str., for Swatow.
Jan. 13, AUSTRALIAN, British str., for Kobe.
Jan. 13, THAMES, British str., for Europe.
Jan. 13, ASK, Danish str., for Pakhoi.
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ARRIVED.

Per *Formosa*, from Tamsui, &c., Mr. H. Oldhour.

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Per *Thames*, from Hongkong for Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Squire, Messrs. J. A. D. McBain, P. A. van de Stadt, E. T. Thyssen, and A. G. de Bruin; for Colombo, Mr. R. Howie; for Ismailia, Miss C. J. Miller; for Brindisi, Mr. S. Kennedy; for London, Mrs. Broadhurst, Miss Trew, Mrs. Boyd and 3 children, Mr. J. Minhinnette, and Mrs. White; from Shanghai for Colombo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Findlay; for Marseilles, Messrs. Leo. Zenzes and Hugo Freundlich; for London from Yokohama, Mr. W. H. Cope; from Kobe, Messrs. A. E. Sprosser, A. H. Kelly, J. Richardson, and J. Carverhill.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 14th, 1898.

THE Public Works Committee met, we believe, yesterday to discuss a new proposition in reference to the contemplated buildings for the accommodation of certain Government Departments. It was originally designed to erect offices on the new Praya Reclamation, on the two sites belonging to the Government lying between the City Hall and the Bund. These two sites are separated by the Connaught Road, and it would have been necessary to erect two separate buildings, one for the use of the Post Office, Treasury, and other Departments, and the other to serve as Law Courts. Mr COOPER prepared plans for these buildings before his departure for Ceylon, but those plans did not, according to all reports, meet with general approval and were to be reconsidered. What has been done with them since we are unable to say; all we know is that the Secretary of State deferred sanction of the project until he received assurances that the funds for the erection of the buildings were available and was informed how it was proposed to raise the money. The Colonial Government were in a position to show how the cost of these offices could be met, and this has no doubt been done by His Excellency the Governor. The sanction of the Right Hon. the Secretary of State could, therefore, not be long withheld, and this much needed work ought ere long to be inaugurated.

The advent of the Hon. R. D. ORMSBY on the scene in the interval would appear to have been most fortunate for the colony, for we hear he has propounded a scheme by which the Treasury will be saved a very large sum, and public convenience be much better served. Briefly his project is to erect the Law Courts, Land Office, &c., on the site north of the City Hall, which would amply suffice for the purpose, and to build a new Post Office and Treasury on the site of the present one and of the existing Supreme Court. The Government would then have the valuable sites on which the Land Office and the building known as Crosby's Store now stand as well as the Marine lot opposite the Hongkong Club to dispose of. It is calculated that by this arrangement, retaining certain offices in Beaconsfield, a saving of some $300,000 would be effected. Nor is this the sole or even the chief advantage to be gained. The Post Office is now most advantageously placed for the public convenience; it is in the very centre of the town and far more accessible than if situated at the extreme end of the business quarter, as would be the case if planted close to the Hongkong Club. The determination of the Admiralty to extend the Royal Naval Dockyard and reclaim a great slice of the foreshore for that purpose has extinguished all prospect of the business quarter of the City shifting eastward, and the centre of Victoria must therefore continue to be Pedder's Street. Mr. ORMSBY's scheme will, we feel confident, be welcomed by a general chorus of approval. There may be some little disappointment among lot holders on the new Reclamation, but the interests of the public have to be considered first, and there can be no doubt those interests will be best served by adopting the proposal of the Director of Public Works.

We have one suggestion to make in reference to this great public improvement. When the new Post Office is being built, would it not be possible at the same time to remove the Clock Tower to a more suitable site? As it exists at present the Tower is a nuisance and the benefits of the Town Clock are lost. The Tower is dwarfed by the huge blocks of the Hongkong Hotel, and the clock is only visible at a small distance and to a limited number. It could easily be rebuilt in front of Pedder's Wharf, where it would be visible all along the Praya for miles, and if carried to a height of some two hundred feet the clock would then be generally useful. The cost of this improvement would not be very great and the colony might readily indulge in the luxury if it saved three lakhs of dollars by the adoption of Mr. ORMSBY's scheme for the new Offices. Standing where it does, the Clock Tower is an obstruction to traffic; it chokes up the roadway in the busiest street of the city; and it prevents a free circulation of air in a very crowded quarter. Moreover, though perhaps not ineffective if properly situated, it is with its present surroundings far from being architecturally ornamental, and has practically ceased to be a landmark to visitors, as was formerly the case when it was less overshadowed by contiguous buildings. A petition for its removal was some years ago, if we remember rightly, presented to the Government. We trust, therefore, that the Government will now authorise the Director of Public Works to include the fresh disposal of the Clock Tower in his scheme of improvement of the Government Offices. It is also to be hoped, in the interests of the public generally, that the erection of the new Post Office will be pushed on as rapidly as possible. The institution is so badly housed at present that the service suffers materially, and a more commodious and suitable building for the Post Office has for years been one of the great wants of the colony.

The P. M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, *via* Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 6th instant.

We are informed that subject to audit the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will give a dividend of £1 5s. per share, place 10 lacs to reserve, and carry forward about 3 lacs.

A binocular glass has been awarded by the Italian Government to Mr. John Davies, master of the steamer *Oanfa*, in recognition of his services to the crew of the Italian schooner *Fiducia*, when attacked by Riffian pirates off the coast of Morocco on 16th August.

Yesterday afternoon on the Happy Valley the Royal Lancaster Regiment defeated the Hongkong Football Club by five goals to nil. The Lancaster forwards combined good shooting with well judged passing and proved themselves too good for their opponents. Nearly a thousand spectators witnessed the match.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* says:—One of the most important movements originating with the new Chinese Minister, Wu Ting-fang, to bring into closer relations the white people and the people of his own race is shortly to be carried out in this city. It contemplates the erection of a school building, the bringing of a corps of teachers from China and the education of the Chinese youth of this city and coast in both English and Chinese branches. The Chinese Government is preparing to expend not less than $40,000 in executing this project and providing for the permanent maintenance of the school. Tuition will be strictly free, but a small charge may be made for instruction in special branches. If the experiment proves a success, similar schools will be established by the Government in other sections of the United States.

In the December number of the *Magazine of Art* (Cassells) the articles on the Queen's treasures of art are continued, this month's section being devoted to the tapestries at Windsor Castle. There are also interesting articles on "Sculpture in 1897," "Development of Modern English Architecture," and other subjects, all of them illustrated in the finished style characteristic of this popular magazine.—*Cassell's Magazine* commences a new volume with the December number. Under the title of "On a Winter Sea," Max Pemberton gives the first of a series of Mediterranean tales; Headon Hill commences his romance of Klondyke, "Specter Gold;" and there are several short complete tales. Amongst the miscellaneous articles is one on "The Young Married Women," being the first of a series under the heading of "In the World of Society." In "Capitals at Play" we are told how St. Petersburg amuses itself. Other articles are "The Art of Disguise," "What it feels like to be shipwrecked," "Swords and their Makers," "Women's Clubs in London," and "Fires at Sea." In the last named mention is made of the burning of the *Paoching* on the Yangtsze.—The *Quiver* is also an interesting number.

To judge from the frequent orders lately received from Japan, says the *American Exporter*, it would appear that that country is now fully awake to the advantages to be derived from the use of electrical machinery for lighting and power transmission. A large electric power transmission system will be shortly installed in a large car building works at Nagoya, in Japan, which will be the first plant of the kind ever erected in Asia. Advices state that the Hankaku Railway Company, of Osaka, Japan, has just decided to equip its shops with an electric power transmission system. The order for motors has just been placed and includes some ten machines aggregating some 80 or 90 horse power. The motors will be of the inclosed ironclad type except a few of the smaller ones, which will be of the bipolar type. For driving these a multipolar 75 K. W. generator will be employed. No efforts are to be spared to make this a model installation, and it is intended to shortly make considerable additions to the plant. An American representative in Kobe, Japan, has advised his company by recent mail that he expects soon to forward to New York a contract for electric power transmission equipment which will be a record breaker in its magnitude and which is to be employed in one of the largest manufacturing institutions in Japan.

There will be a practice game of hockey at the Happy Valley to-day at 4.45 p.m.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 12th January.

We have received from the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. a neat and useful blotting book.

The steamer *Kutsang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on 12th inst. at 1 p.m.

The torpedo-boat destroyers *Hart* and *Handy* went into dock yesterday for an overhaul. It is reported that they are to join the fleet in the North.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on 12th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 18th instant.

The German steamer *Deike Rickmers*, which grounded on the Bambek shoal on the 1st December, at 11 p.m., arrived at Singapore on the afternoon of the 5th, being towed off by the *Dorothea Rickmers* on the 4th.

A cricket match, R.A. v. Hongkong Volunteer Corps, will be played on the Cricket Ground to-day, commencing at 10 a.m. The following are the teams:—

R.A.	H.K.V.C.
Captain Crawford	Lieut. Maitland
" Gordon	Sergt. Crombie
" Langhorne	" G. P. Lammert
Lieut. Carey	" R. F. Lammert
" Davies	Corpl. Skelton
" Head	" Brown
Q.M.S. Blesse	Gunner H. Humphreys
C.S.M. Goold	" Crawford
Sergt. Wells	" Uphill
Corpl. Croucher	" Brett
Bomb. Salter	" Bamsey

Tiffin on the ground.

Mr. A. G. Ward gave another of his enjoyable organ recitals yesterday afternoon at St. John's Cathedral to a large congregation. Mrs. G. C. Cox and Mr. Ernst Mirow assisted with vocal items. The following was the programme:—

Prelude and Fugue in A minor .... J. S. Bach.
Song .... "Contrition" .... Beethoven.
Mr. Ernst Mirow.
"Barcarole" { From the 4th Concerto, arranged for Organ by Steggall .... } Sterndale Bennett.
Andante .... Silas.
a. "Cavatina" (Arranged by Archer) .... Raff.
b. "Canzonetta" (From three Pieces for Organ) ... Marshall.
Arioso ...... { "But the Lord is mindful" ("S. Paul") ...... } Mendelssohn.
Mrs. G. C. Cox.
Marche Solennelle .... Mailly.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 6th January says:—The chartered transport *Jelunga*, officially designated No. 10, arrived from Hongkong to day, getting alongside the Borneo wharf about one o'clock. She brings with her the 1st Battalion Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment), from Hongkong, and will take away with her the departing Rifle Brigade, who arrived in Singapore, also from Hongkong, on November 29th, 1896. The *Jelunga* had an extremely pleasant and uneventful trip on the way down, Lieut.-Colonel C. S. Gordon, in command, bidding farewell to the Regiment last evening on his retirement on half pay, as he continues his voyage to England by the *Jelunga*, which will leave to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock.

In connection with disturbances on board the German steamer *Dante* the Singapore Police have arrested the master, Capt. Kopke, on a charge of voluntarily causing grievous hurt, the first mate on a charge of attempted murder, and the second mate on a double charge of attempted murder and of committing a rash act. The vessel it appears is manned by a Chinese crew, and according to the story of the men as given by the *Free Press* they were so roughly handled by the Captain and officers of the ship, that they struck work on the morning of the 5th January. Early in the morning the Captain is alleged to have struck one of the crew over the nose with an iron spanner, and about 8.30 the first mate is said to have drawn a revolver and fired at one of the crew, fortunately the weapon ... the ... mate, and one of the crew either jumped or was pushed overboard. A sampan coolie came to his assistance, and was fired at by the second mate, the shot taking effect in his back. So far the bullet had not been extracted. Accused appeared before the Magistrate on the 6th and were remanded to the 10th inst., bail in $500 and $1,500. The case against the Captain, for assaulting Cheng Ah Tiang, was heard on the 6th, the defendant being fined $50 or two months' imprisonment.

We would again call attention to the fact that the members of the Sanitary Board have been holding meetings in private without giving the customary notice to the Press. Standing Order No. 13 says:—"All meetings of the Board, whether in Committee of the whole or as a Board, shall be public unless a motion is made to exclude strangers and carried by a majority of the members present." The wording is quite plain and we contend it should be strictly adhered to to make the meetings of the Board legal. Last Monday the Board had a meeting to discuss a very important public question. The minutes of this meeting were read at yesterday's ordinary meeting. "The Vice-President addressed the Board" and then a resolution was passed appointing the Medical Officer of Health and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon a Select Committee to carry out certain by-laws relating to cattle disease. The Committee were requested to address a report on the subject to the Board every week. What the Vice-President said nobody outside the Board knows and so we are left in absolute ignorance in respect of a most important subject. Yesterday, after dealing with a question relating to compensation, the Vice-President said "the rest of the meeting is confidential," meaning thereby that the Press had to leave although no formal resolution was put to the meeting.

SINGAPORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND A GOLD CURRENCY.

A TWO SHILLING DOLLAR RECOMMENDED.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]
SINGAPORE, 13th January.

At a meeting of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce held to-day it was resolved that a two shilling gold dollar was desirable in the Straits. It was further resolved that the Government be requested to take the necessary steps to give effect to the resolution.

An amendment asking for further enquiry to be made was defeated by seventeen votes to fourteen.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]
LONDON, 11th January.

INDIAN FINANCE.

Tenders are invited on the 17th instant for one million sterling Indian Bills in exchange for a like amount of Bills payable on the 22nd inst.

The *Times* believes that the Indian Government contemplates an arrangement with The Bank of England by which the Bank will accept deposits of Gold and hold the same for Government's account as security against an issue of notes to be made by the Indian paper currency department to depositors or their representatives.

In America the vocabulary of cycling is passing into the language of every day life. Thus, they no longer say that a story has been discredited or blown upon; they say it has been punctured. Of a haughty person they say that he has sand in his bearings.

Kingsley said he hated to preach for more than a quarter of an hour, and that it was a torture to him to hear other clergymen preach. To Carlyle he once said—"You and your Puritans have much to answer for. Those men first started the notion that the way to Heaven was by infinite jaw; and see what infinite jaw has brought us to."

SUPREME COURT.

13th January.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON (CHIEF JUSTICE) AND MR. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

T. HOWARD AND M. J. D. STEPHENS V. SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., AS GOVERNOR.

The plaintiffs' claim was for a writ of mandamus.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Messrs. Deacon and Hastings), appeared for the plaintiffs, who are Thomas Howard and Matthew John Denman Stephens. The Attorney-General, Hon. W. M. Goodman (instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennys, Crown Solicitor), appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Francis said the claim was for a writ of mandamus and the proceedings were taken under the provisions of section 85 of the code. A petition had been filed by the plaintiffs and an answer filed by the defendants, and his Lordship the Chief Justice in chambers had settled the issues arising between the parties on those pleadings and had directed that the first two of those issues, which involved the settlement of important questions of law, should be disposed of first. At the suggestion of the plaintiffs and with the consent of the learned Attorney-General it was arranged that the matter should be tried before the Full Court. The issues on the question of law, as settled by the Chief Justice, were as follows:—(1) Assuming that the property or business of the plaintiffs has suffered depreciation or been injuriously affected by reason of the works authorized by the Praya Reclamation Ordinance, 1889, does the said Ordinance throw any duty on the defendant to inquire into and assess the amount of such depreciation or injurious affecting? (2) If such a duty is thrown on the defendant is it one of which the Court, having regard to the provisions of the said Ordinance, can properly enforce the performance by a writ of mandamus? Counsel asked their Lordships' permission to slightly amend the first issue by adding after the words "Praya Reclamation Ordinance, 1889," the words "and assuming that the Governor has refused to investigate the plaintiffs' claim." He did not think the case could be properly argued out without having that amendment made, and he was particularly desirous to have it strictly regular because it was the intention of the plaintiffs to carry the case as far as possible. In view of a possible appeal he was very desirous of having the issues as carefully framed as possible. It must be assumed for the purpose of the argument that the plaintiffs had suffered some injuries, and it must also be assumed that the Governor had refused to perform a duty which plaintiffs alleged was incumbent on him.

The Attorney-General said he must strongly object to such an amendment being made. He would be sorry to see put on record an assumption that the Governor had not done his duty. That was one of the issues of fact which would have to be argued if the Court was of opinion that a mandamus could issue. Their Lordships on Saturday said that the parties should then suggest any alterations, but none were suggested. The amendment was quite unnecessary for the purpose of the argument, which was purely on questions of law and not of fact.

The Chief Justice—I think, Mr. Francis, that the refusal is implied in the form of the question.

Mr. Francis—Has your Lordship noticed what the Attorney-General has just said, that he has come here prepared to argue those questions of law on the assumption that the Governor had not neglected to perform his duty? That is exactly what I anticipated.

The Attorney-General—We have come here to discuss the legal aspect of two issues of law. Now my friend wants one of the issues suddenly altered. It is not fair and it is not right.

The Puisne Judge—Mr. Francis, why did you not suggest that alteration before?

Mr. Francis—Well, my Lord, it escaped my notice.

The Chief Justice—You did not think of it in time?

Mr. Francis—I did not, else I should have asked before. It was not until I was finally preparing my argument that I noticed it.

The Chief Justice (after conferring with the Puisne Judge)—We both agree that the refusal or neglect to perform the duty—assuming the duty exists—is implied in the form of the question, but if the plaintiffs wish it we see no objection to stating it more expressly. Therefore we will insert the words "And assuming that the defendant has refused or neglected to perform such duty, is the duty one of which the Court, having regard, &c."

The Attorney-General—I can only say that I strongly object to this sudden alteration at the last moment.

The Chief Justice—Mr. Attorney, we have ruled on the point. When we have ruled on a point we cannot hear you further.

The Attorney-General—You have not heard me at any length. I certainly must protest against this point——

The Chief Justice—It is not correct when the Court has ruled that counsel should get up and protest against the ruling.

The Attorney-General—Would it not be sufficient to say "assuming that the Governor should refuse or neglect?" That would raise exactly the same point and would apply to any action of the Governor in the future.

Mr. Francis—I submit it is beyond the jurisdiction of the Court to try that question.

The Chief Justice—I do not think there is any real difference. The assumption is purely a hypothesis and will not affect the merits of the case.

In reply to his Lordship Mr. Francis said he was afraid his arguments would last a considerable time.

The Attorney-General—It is very probable that long before this case gets very much further we shall have a new Governor and the Praya will be a long way in front of the plaintiffs' premises and he will have his damages assessed, as was the intention of the Government.

Mr. Francis—We do not believe in any intentions except when they are expressed in writing. I may say that the plaintiffs asked if the Government intended to extend the land and the Government refused to give them any answer.

The Attorney-General—Now we are going into the facts of the case.

The Chief Justice—You had better proceed with your arguments on the points of law, Mr. Francis.

Mr. Francis said he was afraid his arguments would extend to some considerable length. He proposed first of all to indicate very shortly his contentions on both points. First as to the construction of the Ordinance he submitted that the rule laid down in "Maxwell on Statutes," page 49, must be applied. He and his learned friend greatly differed as to the interpretation to be put upon the words of section 7 and therefore the duty of placing an interpretation upon them was unfortunately in this case imposed upon their Lordships. It was contended on the part of the defendant that that sub-section of the Ordinance, read in conjunction with the whole of the Ordinance, imposed no duty on His Excellency the Governor in respect of claims arising out of the process of the Praya Reclamation Works, and that as there was no duty imposed upon him by law therefore this Court had no power or no jurisdiction to make any order against him requiring him to give effect to his obligation as imposed by that section. The contention on behalf of the plaintiffs was that the Ordinance clearly deprived them of all other remedies in respect of any loss or depreciation they might suffer in regard to their property arising out of the Praya Reclamation works except what were provided by the Ordinance itself. The plaintiffs submitted that the Ordinance clearly empowered the Governor to give compensation to all persons injuriously affected by the works. Plaintiffs contended that if that was so the duty was necessarily imposed on him in every fit and proper case of exercising that power. If he was empowered to give compensation it was an indisputable requirement of justice that he should hear both sides, giving each an opportunity of hearing what was urged against the other, or in other words, before he could use the powers, whether discretionary or otherwise, which were given to him, he was bound to proceed judicially. Plaintiffs contended that that discretion must be exercised not arbitrarily but in strict accordance with right and justice and established precedent; that, broadly, when any Act of Parliament—in the present case the local Ordinance—or any act of a competent Legislature, confers authority to do any judicial or any other act which the public interest or individual right might demand it was imperative on those so authorized to exercise that authority when a case arose; that the power was given for the benefit not of him who was invested with it, but for those for whom it was exercised, and that that duty was positive and absolute and not merely discretionary as to the question whether he should or should not exercise it that although the method in which the power was to be exercised and the most absolute discretion as to the result might be invested in the person on whom that power had been conferred, the duty of exercising the discretion was imperative. In this case the only possible remedy, if such a duty was imposed on the defendant, was by mandamus. Lastly, the plaintiffs contended that the Ordinance gave power or imposed an obligation on a particular person to do some particular act or duty and provided no specific remedy for non-performance, and that the Court had no more power to refuse the remedy of mandamus in this case than it had to refuse any other remedy that might be rightfully claimed. These were the points, said counsel, on which the plaintiffs relied and which he would have to develop at considerable length.

The Chief Justice—I suppose you distinguish between a legal duty and a moral duty?

Mr. Francis said he certainly did. The power was conferred on the Government for the benefit of some members of the public. When an Act of Parliament conferred a power to be exercised by any particular person for the benefit of either the public in general or some particular persons, that Act imposed upon him the exercise of that power in a special case. How he should exercise it might or might not be discretionary in accordance with the provisions of the law that imposed the duty, but that he should exercise it when properly applied to by a proper person was, according to plaintiffs' contention, absolutely imperative. Counsel submitted that no matter how wide the discretion invested in any person in matters relating to the public in general or to any section of the public, the Court would always, if the discretion had been abused, investigate it and set it right. Plaintiffs were the holders of the Crown land, Marine Lot No. 184, and the provisions in the Crown lease would be absolutely meaningless unless it was the intention of the Government to give the plaintiffs compensation in respect of the Praya Reclamation works. The power to assess the compensation did not rest with the Governor but with the Surveyor-General. Of course counsel knew that the Praya Reclamation works were really a public necessity, but it was a reclamation in the interests and for the benefit of Marine lot-holders and no-one else, and it was only for the benefit of those holders that the powers were given. It was the intention of the Legislature that no injury should be inflicted on any private person in consequence of the works, and the Ordinance had provided that compensation should be paid in case of persons injured. In carrying out these works plaintiffs had lost some of their rights; their property had been relegated to the position of a Marine Lot in a back street. Provisions were made in the Ordinance for compensating owners or persons injuriously affected by the works. The amount was estimated after investigation and detailed reports and that amount was included in the estimates and authorized to be paid under the Ordinance for all losses and injuries suffered by any persons whose wharves or piers or rights were in any way disturbed. Counsel then went very lengthily into an analysis of the Ordinance, which he said was about as stupidly framed as an Ordinance could be.

The Puisne Judge—I may be wrong, but I always thought that the Ordinance was framed for the benefit of the colony and not for the benefit of the Marine lot-holders.

Mr. Francis said primarily the Ordinance was passed for the benefit of the colony, but the reports of the meetings of the Legislative Council and the public meetings would show that the Ordinance was really passed for the benefit of the Marine lot-holders and that the Government had to spend nothing on the works. The public of the colony had to spend nothing except in respect of lots of land on the old Praya which were actually owned by the Government. The whole cost of reclaiming the buildable land, of constructing the sea walls and drains—the whole work from beginning to end was paid out of the pockets of the Marine lot-holders who signed an agreement and not out of any other pocket whatsoever. Plaintiffs asked for a mandamus, which would make the Governor investigate their case and make an award. The result of the award was ... beyond the control of the Court.

The Chief Justice—You contend that the Court can enforce the Governor to make an award?

Mr. Francis submitted that the Court could order an investigation, although in the end the award might be that plaintiffs had suffered no injury at all.

The Chief Justice—It seems to me that the plaintiffs are fighting for a shadow.

Mr. Francis—We have the most implicit belief that if the matter were properly inquired into there would be no difficulty whatever in granting compensation, and it would be found we were fighting for something substantial.

Counsel had not concluded his arguments when the Court adjourned until to-day.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon at the offices. Hon. F. H. May (Captain Superintendent of Police) presided and there were also present—Hon. R. D. Ormsby (Director of Public Works), Dr. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. N. J. Ede, and Mr. H. McCallum (Secretary).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

MORTALITY RETURNS.

For the week ended 1st January the death rate was 18.7 per thousand per annum, as against 15.8 for the corresponding period of last year. For the week ended 8th January the rate was 18.3, as against 29.9 for the corresponding week of last year.

THE OBSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE LANES.

An application having been made for the renewal of a lease of property in Lan Kwai Fong Lane, the Medical Officer of Health wrote objecting to the application being granted as the property obstructed the entrance to the lane. The Director of Public Works was in favour of the renewal, as there was enough light and air in the lane and very little obstruction.

A discussion ensued.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—I am afraid the Director of Public Works is not aware that for the past eighteen months this Board has been strenuously fighting for the passage through the Legislative Council of a by-law prohibiting the obstruction of private streets and lanes. That by-law has quite recently been passed. The opposition to the by-law came not unnaturally perhaps from property owners and their representatives and the sole argument against the by-law was, I believe, that the property owners would, in future, be deprived of the rentals which they might derive from such buildings built at the entrance to these streets and lanes. The arguments of the Board on the other hand, in favour of the by-law, were that the buildings obstructed light and air and were detrimental to the health of the people living in such streets. In this particular case it is not a property owner but the Government who will derive the benefit of the rental from the obstruction to the lane, and if the Board were to recommend that this application be granted it will certainly have the appearance of stultifying its action during the past eighteen months, for it would certainly lend weight to the assumption that although the Board objects to property owners deriving rents from obstruction to streets and lanes there is no objection to the Government themselves doing so. That can hardly be deemed a wise policy for this Board to adopt with regard to the question of the lighting and ventilation in this street. I pointed out in my minute that the houses are very low—only about 25 feet high—but in accordance with Ordinance 15 of 1894 they can be considerably increased in height, and then if we have the ends of the streets blocked up there would be great danger to the public health. I move, "That the Colonial Secretary be informed that the Sanitary Board advises that the application for the extension of the lease of Inland Lot 1,347 be refused."

Mr. EDE seconded and said he had very great objections to these lanes being obstructed. It was very necessary that they should have plenty of light and he entirely agreed with the remarks of the Medical Officer of Health.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—It seems to me that there is force in what the Medical Officer of Health has said, but at present I cannot see that the place is obstructed.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—Not very much at present, but the people are likely to raise the height of the houses very considerably.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—Would you have any objection to allowing the obstruction to remain if the houses remain as they are at present?

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—The objection to that is that the man who owns the obstruction does not, so far as I am aware, own the houses on each side of the street.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—If it is intended to raise the houses, I quite agree with the Medical Officer of Health, but I visited the place and saw that the lane was practically clean. I examined the archway on both sides and could not see that the houses created a nuisance. If the owner was called upon to take it down there would be considerable expense, because he would have to take down the houses on each side, and as there is not now any nuisance and the raising of the houses is a remote contingency I see no harm in extending the lease.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—I agree with the Director of Public Works. It seems to me that it would be rather harsh to put a man to expense in a case where we all admit that the place is not a nuisance or an obstruction. I am afraid I cannot vote in favour of the resolution.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—It must be borne in mind, Sir, that this was originally an encroachment on Crown land and that owing to the lapse of time before it was discovered, the owner was permitted by the Government to retain the houses on payment of an annual rental until such time as it was then thought the bricks and mortar would hold together. That time has now elapsed and I think you will find that the solicitor for the applicant admits that very considerable repairs will be necessary if the lease is extended.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—I move as an amendment that the lease be extended as an annual lease as long as the lane continues in its present condition and the houses are not raised.

The VICE-PRESIDENT seconded.

The amendment was put and the mover and seconder voted in favour of it.

The original resolution was then put and this, too, received the support of only the mover and seconder.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said he would not give a casting vote, but would send both the amendment and the resolution to the Colonial Secretary.

A QUESTION OF COMPENSATION.

Inspector Phillips applied for compensation in respect of salary received during his three months' probation. He pointed out that it was customary in the police and gaol departments to pay officers compensation in respect of salary received during the term of probation.

The following minutes were appended:—

Mr. EDE—I am in favour of asking the Government to grant the compensation asked for.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—It is distinctly laid down that no officers, except police, on probation are to receive exchange compensation. I see no use in asking the Government to break the rule that has been recently made.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—The Captain Superintendent of Police overlooks the fact that the rule as to compensation during the term of probation did not come into force until more than six weeks after Inspector Phillips was appointed, and under the circumstances it would appear to me to be a distinct breach of faith to make it apply to his case. No such new rules ought in fairness to be made retrospective.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—I am not in favour of asking the Government to break or relax a rule. If Mr. Phillips is entitled to it under any, well, let him have it, otherwise not.

In a second minute the VICE-PRESIDENT wrote—The new rule came into force on the 29th September. He has drawn compensation up to the 30th September. What I object to is to ask Government to pay him compensation after the rule came in force, i.e., from 1st Oct. to the 15th November.

In the discussion which followed the reading of the minutes the VICE-PRESIDENT pointed out that the applicant had already drawn six weeks' salary.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—This man was appointed on the understanding that while he was on probation he would receive compensation. If a rule is passed after he has joined the service I do not think it is fair that it should apply to him. When civil servants—

The VICE-PRESIDENT—It does not say in this application that he was promised compensation.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—There is no promise in regard to compensation for anybody.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—I propose that the application be forwarded to the Government together with the minutes of the members.

This course was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Board then adjourned until next Thursday week.

AMOY RACES.

THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, 12TH JANUARY.

LEDGER CUP; (presented); value $100; second pony $25; for all China ponies; winners at this meeting of one race 7lbs. extra; of two or more 10lbs. extra; previous non-starters 7lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance $5. One mile.
Millstream ... 1
Detrimental ... 2

FORMOSA CUP; (presented); value $110; 2nd pony $25; for all ponies first raced as griffins at Amoy or Foochow; winners at this meeting of one race 7lbs. extra, of two or more races 10lbs. extra; bona fide griffins at date of entry allowed 3lbs; Amoy and or Foochow subscription griffins of this season allowed 5lbs.; previous non-starters 7lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance $5. One mile and a quarter.
The Ute ... 1
Ghoorkha ... 2
Hermit ... 3

LADIES' PURSE; (presented); for all China ponies; winners and previous non-starters 7lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance $5. Three quarters of a mile.
Dartmoor ... 1
Cruiser ... 2
Spec ... 3

LOTTERY CUP; value $100; 2nd pony $25; for Amoy subscription griffins of this season; winners of a mile and quarter race or over, 5lbs. extra for each such race won; weights as per scale; entrance $5. One mile and a half.
Kiaochau ... 1
Viceroy ... 2
Hermit ... 3

CONSOLATION CUP; value $100; second pony $25; for all beaten ponies that have run and not won a race at this meeting; weights as per scale; entrance $5. One mile.
Cruiser ... 1
Stennis ... 2
Spec ... 3

NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES; of $5 each, with $50 added; second pony $25; for all beaten Amoy subscription Griffins of the season; weights as per scale. Once round and a distance.
Minstrel Boy ... 1
Lottery ... 2
Cherry ... 3

CHAMPION STAKES; value $300; second pony $50; a forced entry of $10 each for all winners at this meeting except Nil Desperandum Stakes; winners of two races $15 extra, of more than two races $30 extra, non-winners excluded; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.
Kilroy ... 1
Bickleigh ... 2
Dunblane ... 3
Time, 2 mins. 48 secs.

During the latter part of the summer a shepherd's dog on the Down's Farm, at Dunstable, was caught in the knives of a reaping machine, with the result that both its right side legs were cut off, and the animal almost bled to death. For some time the dog appeared lifeless, but the shepherd to whom it belonged would not allow it to be destroyed. He bound up its terrible wounds, put it carefully in a wheelbarrow, conveyed it home and nursed it. Three weeks afterwards the animal had so far recovered as to be able to crawl and move about on its two legs. The dog now lives with the shepherd at Dunstable, and runs backwards and forwards to Down's Farm every day, the distance being about a mile. The journey is performed on the two legs on its left side. In starting to run, the dog quickly gets up, balances itself in a remarkable manner, and then rapidly hops off in the style of a large agile bird, the stumps of both right legs hanging useless. With this extraordinary mode of rapid progression it now attends the sheep exactly in the way of an ordinary uninjured dog. It is a very affectionate animal and is now apparently full of life and health.

THE CITY HALL.

The following is the report to be submitted to the annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall, to be held at half-past twelve to-day:—

The last annual meeting was held on the 9th January, 1897.

COMMITTEE.

There have been no changes in the Committee since the last meeting was held, and it still consists of the Honourable J. J. Bell-Irving (Chairman), and Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, H. N. Mody, B. Layton, and N. A. Siebs.

THE STATE OF THE BUILDING.

The building generally may at present be said to be substantially in a good state of repair, though the Committee hope to be in a position next year to have the exterior colour-washed, as it is beginning to shew signs of deterioration.

The annual overhaul revealed the necessity of rather extensive repairs to the roof and woodwork; the flat roof of the verandah on the South side of the Theatre was discovered to be in a very rotten condition and had to be entirely renewed, with new beams, joists, &c. It was also found necessary to reconstruct the North-East turret roof, and considerable repair was necessitated to the other turret roofs, the dormer windows and to other parts of the roof generally. As in former years, the beams supporting the floors throughout the building were opened and carefully examined and all defective woodwork was renewed.

During the twelve months from 1st July, 1896, to 30th June, 1897, the Theatre was engaged by the Rifle Brigade, Mr. Burton, Miss Elsie Adair, the Smoking Concert Club, the Amateur Dramatic Club, Japanese Jugglers, Mr. Marks, Hudson's Surprise Party, the "Rainbow" Minstrels, and Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company, and during the year the St. Andrew's Hall was put at the disposal of those engaged in charitable and educational objects, free of charge.

The total receipts from all sources were higher during the 12 months from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897, than they were in the previous year, but the extensive repairs required to the Theatre pillars and ball room ceilings having to be met out of this year's receipts, the expenditure during the year under review was greater than the receipts, and consequently the balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 30th June, 1897, was somewhat less than that shewn in the previous account.

THE LIBRARY.

A valuable theological work in 34 volumes, being the collected works of J. N. Darby, was presented by Dr. E. J. Eitel prior to his leaving the colony; while 47 new books printed in Hongkong, consisting chiefly of religious tracts, were sent to the Library by the Government. The Belgian Consul, Dr. Doberck, Messrs. Williams and Norgate, Ednie Brown, E. Neidhart, F. D. Gnades, N. A. Allen, and A. C. Hide have also to be thanked for books and newspapers presented by them. As in former years the proprietors of the *Government Gazette*, the *China Mail*, the *Daily Press*, and the *Hongkong Telegraph* have been good enough to supply the library with free copies of their respective journals. The visitors to the Library from July, 1896, to June, 1897, were 4,662 in number, compared with 3,725 during the 12 months 1895-1896.

MUSEUM.

The chief additions to the Museum during the year under review were a crocodile's skull from Borneo, two cobras killed at the Peak, three other snakes, a scorpion, and two broad-tailed lizards caught on the island and a wire-snake (tit sin shé) caught in Canton. The following is a list of the contributors who have to be thanked for either presenting or lending articles to the Museum:—G. C. Anderson, E. Abraham, Lieut. Dawson, H. L. Dennys, C. H. Gale, D. E. Hart-Buck, M. Jacob, G. H. Potts, McEwan, D. R. Sassoon, J. M. A. S. da Silva, F. B. Smith, Lo Fat Choo, W. G. Waddilove, and Wong Shu Tong. The number of those who visited the Museum during the 12 months was 184,008, and of those 9,715 were other than Chinese.

ACCOUNTS.

The balance in the hands of the Honorary Treasurer on the 30th June, 1897, was $1,210.31, as appears from the following account of receipts and disbursements. As explained above, heavy expenses incurred in the previous twelve months had to be met out of the funds shown to credit in last year's account, and as there is $12,039.30 on fixed deposit to the credit of the City Hall fund with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, upon which it would be possible to draw in the event of an emergency, the Committee have not thought it necessary to appeal to the public during the current year for subscriptions.

ACCOUNT SHOWING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FROM 1ST JULY, 1896, TO 30TH JUNE, 1897.

To balance in hands of the Hon. Treasurer on 30th June, 1896, as shown in last report	$1,647.14
To receipts from Theatre, St. Andrew's Hall, Ball Room, &c., &c.	6,154.15
To rent of Chamber of Commerce	600.00
To Government Grant for 1897	1,200.00
To interest on current account in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to 30th June, 1897	18.63
	$9,619.92
By wages for 12 months	$3,348.00
By repairs and alterations	2,451.35
By gas	1,060.38
By electric light	312.34
By museum and office expenses	496.54
By insurance premia	701.00
By Government fire brigade	94.00
By balance	1,210.31
	$9,619.92

J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.

A DIVORCE CASE.

Lloyds Weekly Newspaper (December 12th) has this:—Mr. Frank Arthur Waylen, engaged at a foreign warehouse in the City, sought a dissolution of his marriage, on Wednesday, on the ground of the alleged misconduct of his wife with the co-respondent, Charles Oliff, who held an appointment in the Civil Service in South Africa.—Mr. Deane, Q.C., and Mr. Willock appeared for the petitioner, but there was no defence.—The learned counsel said the parties were married in 1893, at All Saints', Paddington, and there were two children. After the marriage petitioner had to go three times to China. She remained at home once; on the other occasions respondent went with him. On their return from China they lived in London. In August there was an invitation to Dublin to visit the Horse show. Mr. Waylen could not go himself, and he allowed the co-respondent to escort his wife on August 6. She returned to London on August 30, not being in good health, and as some relatives of hers were going to St. Leonards, it was arranged that she should accompany them; but, on arrival, as it was found that there was no accommodation, the respondent took apartments at an hotel in the vicinity on Sept. 14. The co-respondent also took apartments at the same hotel, the lady's room being 51 and Mr. Oliff's 42, both situated in the same corridor, but at different ends. The parties remained at the hotel until the 16th, when Mr. Oliff had to return to South Africa, his term of leave having expired. He (Mr. Deane) had witnesses to show that the respondent and co-respondent took their meals together, that they were constantly in each other's company, that they were seen to go in and out of each other's room, and that at the parting of the respondent and the co-respondent at Euston there were tears, embraces, and kisses.—The petitioner bore out the statement of counsel in evidence, and servants spoke to the conduct of the parties.—His lordship granted a decree nisi with costs, and he also gave petitioner the custody of the children.

The case of the man who, after taking his ease in an inn or a restaurant, protests that he has not the means to pay the reckoning, has often furnished the law with a hard nut to crack. The problem is, of course, to prove that he has done more than incur a debt which it would be difficult to recover in the County Court, and that is the problem that was faced by the Court for Crown Cases Reserved on 27th november. It appears that the charge of "false pretences" cannot be upheld unless the impecunious diner is wearing a "distinctive garb" indicative of wealth. Perhaps it might not always be successful even then, seeing that it generally would be possible for the offender to procure the price of a dinner by leaving a portion of the "garb" at the nearest pawnbroker's. Fraud, however, is easier to prove than "false pretences," and, as the gentleman whose case was under consideration is to stay in prison on the ground that he "obtained credit" by this means, there is no particular reason why intending evil-doers should exalt their horn on high.

JACK'S GOOD POINTS.

The number of persons tried by courts-martial in the Royal Navy last year was 160.

Not one of these was for mutiny.

And there is no malingering in the British Navy.

Nor does the list of offences against discipline include any case under the heading of "quarrelling and fighting;" apparently, if we all love Jack, he and his brother tars love one another.

There were, however, seventy-nine men tried for striking and attempting to strike a superior officer; twenty of these were among seamen abroad and twenty-seven among the non-seamen class abroad.

They never use "profane language" in the Royal Navy now! What, never? Well, hardly ever; for, according to the official return before us, there were only two cases of profane language abroad and not a single instance at home. Perhaps the Recording Angel blotted out the record, for the column is virgin white. And the two profane men abroad were a marine afloat and a seaman. What that marine said to that seaman must have been shocking to have brought about the only court-martial of the year.—*Daily Mail*.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Psychologists have yet to record many curious workings of the mind. Dr. Ginostos has reported to a Bordeaux society the case of a young man who, since he was ten years old, has had an irresistible impulse to count the letters in words and phrases. This he does continually while awake, without interfering in any way with his daily work, his reading, or his conversation. When not talking, he invents phrases and counts the letters, 32 being a number that gives him satisfaction, while 13 displeases him. At night he sleeps without dreaming. The editor of Scientific Miscellany may add a similar experience, having been frequently aroused to the consciousness that, while absorbed in some work, he had been automatically grouping words on a printed page in pyramids, each word chosen having one letter more than its predecessor.

Rain gushes in thunderstorms have been variously explained, but Prof. Cleveland Abbe finds it still an open question whether these gushes bring about the formation of lightning, or vice versa.

Some curious experiments and speculations, which seem to have been taken with more or less seriousness, have been brought before the Paris Society of Psychic Sciences by Dr. Baraduc. The instrument used, called the biometer, is claimed to show that the vital forces of man do not depend on the laws of either heat or electricity. It consists of a pointer, like the hand of a watch, suspended over a dial inside a glass vessel insulated by three compact layers of mica, albumen, linen-cloth, and collodion; the motion of the pointer, so it is asserted, indicating the vital forces of the person touching the instrument and varying with the state of mind. If the person is happy, the hand is attracted, in grief it is repelled. Dr. Baraduc further claims to have photographed the vital forces, a picture being taken by force of will in complete darkness, and even the vital forces of a corpse being sufficient three hours after death to impress the sensitive plate in the dark. The conclusion is that there exists in man a vapour of life, which is the quintessence of movement. Its cause the experimenter confesses himself unable to determine, but he supposes the movement to be connected with vibrations of the soul, and to be palpable intelligence. A similarity is noted between the sun's photosphere and the vital atmosphere of man.

The rate of chirp of the cricket, Prof. A. E. Dolbear notes in *The American Naturalist*, seems to be entirely determined by the temperature, and this to such a degree that one may easily compute the temperature from the chirps per minute. Thus at 60 degrees F. the rate is 80 per minute. At 70 degrees F. the rate is 120, a change of four chirps a minute for each degree of change. Below a temperature of 50 degrees the cricket has no energy to waste in music, and there would be but 40 chirps per minute.

The rusting of iron under paint is usually supposed to be due to minute cracks in the paint. A study of the subject by Edmund Simon shows that paint resists temperature changes, but is always hydroscopic, and when swollen by moisture readily admits water and gases. To prevent the rusting Herr Simon recommends three or four coats of very adherent paint containing the largest possible quantity of oil.

COINAGE PLANT FOR CHINA.

The following is from the *American Exporter*:—

Dissatisfaction was expressed some time ago by a leading viceroy of China, Liu K'un-yi, that the copper coin known in that country as "cash," and struck by the foreign machinery of the Canton mint, was too heavy and was apt to tempt counterfeiters to melt it down and coin lighter "cash." The Imperial Government then ordered three new additional coinage plants, and the order was given to the United States and executed in New Jersey. The plants are now actively operative either at or near Peking, and are under the immediate supervision of the Emperor. Two of these plants were designed for making "cash"—of ordinary brass, or of two thirds copper and one third zinc—for use and circulation in the northern provinces of China, and at present are reported as turning out some 70,000 coins per day, each machine making 100 per minute.

The third coinage plant of American construction was completely fitted up, if not originally designed, for producing five sizes of silver coins, the exact counterparts, except in respect to inscription and design, of the United States 5-cent, 10-cent, 50-cent, and $1, pieces, the last containing exactly 412½ grains, the United States silver standard.

The American company which constructed and is now operating the three new plants was instructed to copy, in its products, as far as the general design was concerned, the patterns furnished by the government, and which were probably made at the Canton mint. But whether the designs of these coins originated with Chinese artists or in England is not known.

From an artistic point of view the American-Chinese coins are claimed to be a great improvement on the original patterns or designs, more especially in respect to the dragon's scales and muscles, and also the lettering of the inscriptions.

For what purpose the actual duplicate coinage of American silver, so far as size, weight and current bullion value are concerned, has been entered upon by the Chinese Government is not known and is difficult to conjecture. Whatever else may be predicted of the immense ignorant and geographically isolated people of China, nothing can be more certain than that John Chinaman will never take a piece of silver in trade, or in exchange for service or indebtedness, for more than its bullion worth as pure silver, no matter what stamp his government or some merchant may put upon it. Some one may, however, have persuaded him that things are different among the barbarians who live afar off and do not belong to the Celestial Empire.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Formosa*, from Tamsui 11th Jan., and Amoy 12th, had moderate N.E. monsoon and cloudy weather throughout the passage.

The German steamer *Preussen*, from Bremen 1st Dec., and Singapore 7th Jan., experienced the first day after leaving Singapore the full strength of the monsoon, stormy N.E. winds with very high sea and a current setting to S.W. with an average rate of about fifty miles a day, mostly cloudy accompanied with rain showers.

The British steamer *Astral*, from Pulo Sembilan 29th Dec., Singapore 1st Jan., and Labuan 6th, had light variable winds with heavy showers up to Malacca Straits. From Singapore had overcast and gloomy with N.N.W. winds up to Jan. 3rd; from that date to Labuan had fine weather with strong adverse currents. From Labuan had fine weather and smooth sea. On Jan. 7th, lat. 8.30 N., long. 117.3 E., spoke the barque *Atlantic*, of Bremen; she wished to be reported. On 8th and 9th January, fresh gale from N.E. with high sea; from these dates had ordinary monsoon to port.

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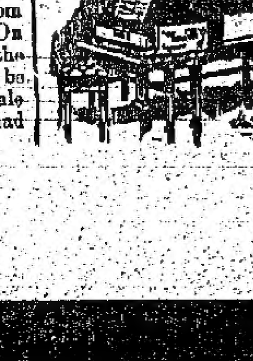

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The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with the American mail of the 18th ultimo, left Yokohama on Saturday, the 8th instant, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, 16th instant.

The P. M. steamer *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai on the 28th ultimo.

The P. M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 6th instant.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Sydney*, with the next French mail, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at 3 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Chingtu* left Port Darwin on the 6th instant, and may be expected to arrive on the 15th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Kutsang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 12th instant, at 4 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. P. steamer *Pelican* sailed from Tacoma, Wn., on the 12th Oct., for Japan.

The N. P. steamer *Tacoma* has arrived at Yokohama from Tacoma.

The N. P. steamer *Lombard* sailed from Portland, Or., for Japan and Hongkong on the 3rd instant.

The P. & O. steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port on the 6th instant.

The P. & O. steamer *Hydaspes* left Bombay for this port on the 8th instant.

The N. P. steamer *Victoria* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 8th instant.

The steamer *Glengarry*, from Middesboro', London and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 8th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Poseidon* left Kobe for this port on the 9th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Amphitrite* left Singapore for this port on the 12th instant.

The Rickmers Line steamer *Deike Rickmers* left Singapore on Monday, the 10th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th instant.

The C. M. steamer *Ningchow*, from Glasgow, left Singapore for this port on the 12th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 18th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Tosa Maru* (Europe Line) left Singapore for this port on the 11th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 18th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 12th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 18th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Omi Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port on the 10th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 21st instant.

The steamer *Darmstadt* left Colombo on Tuesday, the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 21st instant.

The N. G. I. steamer *Bormida* left Bombay for this port on the 2nd instant, and is due here on or about the 22nd instant.

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Homeward.—11th Jan.—*Formosa*, *Sarpedon*, *Vindobona*, *Cromarty*, *Thekla*.

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A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Haiphong.—Per *Hanoi*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 9.30 a.m.

For Shanghai.—Per *Hoihow*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 1.30 p.m.

For Swatow and Shanghai.—Per *Chihli*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 1.30 p.m.

For Shanghai.—Per *Anping*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

For Swatow and Shanghai.—Per *Choysang*, to-day, the 14th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

For Amoy and Tamsui.—Per *Formosa*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 5.00 p.m.

For Sourabaya and Samarang.—Per *Fausang*, to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 11.30 a.m.

For Manila.—Per *Zafiro*, to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 11.30 a.m.

For Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya.—Per *Chunsang*, on Monday, the 17th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.—Per *Lightning*, on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at 2.00 p.m.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Rosetta*, on Friday, the 28th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

For Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, Wn.—Per *Tacoma*, on Tuesday, 1st February, at 11.30 a.m.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Gaelic* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 14th instant, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

4 p.m. Registry ceases.

5 p.m. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Saghalien* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The hours mentioned below will be observed in closing the mails, &c.

Circulars 8 a.m.
Registration 10 a.m.
Papers 10.15 a.m.
Letters 10.45 a.m.
Late Letters 10.55 to 11.15 a.m.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACKET.

The Canadian Mail Packet *Empress of China* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst., with Mails for Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., which will be closed as follows:—

10.00 a.m. Registry ceases.

10.45 a.m. Post Office closes, but correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.

The German Contract Packet *Preussen* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for the United Kingdom Europe and countries beyond, *via Naples*, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c. Registry ceases at 7.30 a.m.

The mail closes at 8.00 a.m. Late letters till 8.10 to 8.30 a.m. with 10 cents extra postage.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the Captains, the Agents, nor the Owners will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
Fannie Scholfield, Brit. bk., Veitch—Order.
Hermann, German str., Gernitzka—Melchers & Co.
Jacob Christensen, Norw. str., Hansen—Wieler & Co.
Lightning, British str., S. G. Spence—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Lothair, Italian bk., Ferato—D. Musso & Co.
Selkirk, British str., Jas. Crowe—Order.
Serrano, Am. bk., R. G. Waterhouse—Order.
Sumatra, British bk., T. Jones—Wieler & Co.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Thursday, 13th January.

EXCHANGE.

On London.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/11⅛
Bank Bills, on demand 1/11⅛
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/11¼
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/11⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/11½
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/11½

On Paris.—
Bank Bills, on demand 2.45
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.50

On Germany.—
On demand 1.98½

On New York.—
Bank Bills, on demand 47½
Credits, 60 days' sight 48½

On Bombay.—
Telegraphic Transfer 145
Bank, on demand 145¼

On Calcutta.—
Telegraphic Transfer 145
Bank, on demand 145¼

On Shanghai.—
Bank, at sight 73
Private, 30 days' sight 73¾

On Yokohama.—
On demand ....4 % pm.

On Manila.—
On demand ....5½ % pm.

On Singapore.—
On demand ....1 % pm.

Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate 10.10
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael 52.50

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Company.	Paid up.	Quotations.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai...	$125	187 pr. ct. prem., [$357.50
China & Japan, prf.	£5	nominal
Do. ordinary	£3 10s.	nominal
Do. deferred	£1	£5. 5s., buyers
Natl. Bank of China B. Shares	£8	$20
Foun. Shares	£1	$20
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	£1	$5
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$8.75, sellers
China Sugar	$100	$162
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 100	Tls. 101
Hongkong	$20	$17
International	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
Laou Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 104
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 540
Yahloong	Tls. 100	Tls. 92½
Dairy Farm	$5	$5¾
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$29, buyers
Green Island Cement	$10	$34
Do. New Issue	$2½	$18
H. & C. Bakery	$50	$33
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$120
Hongkong Electric	$10	$10
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$105
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$55, sales
Hongkong Ice	$25	$113
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$58, sellers
Hongkong Rope	$50	$171, buyers
H. & W. Dock	$125	225, p. ct. prem., = [$406.25, buyers
Insurances—		
Canton	$50	$150½
China Fire	$20	$107½, sellers
China Traders'	$25	$71
Hongkong Fire	$50	$375
North-China	£25	Tls. 198
Straits	$20	$15½, sellers
Union	$25	$229, sellers
Yangtsze	$60	$145, sellers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	$50	$74, sellers
Humphreys Estate	$10	$9.25
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$19
West Point Building	$40	$22, sellers
Luzon Sugar	$100	$39, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 500	$110, sellers
Gt. Estn. & C'donian	$5	$6, sellers
Do.	$2½	$3, sellers
Jelebu	$5	$2, sellers
New Balmoral	$1	$1.40, sellers
Do. Preference	$1	$1.50, buyers
Oliver's Mines, A.	$5	$19, sellers
Do. B.	$2½	$8, sellers
Punjom	$5	$6.25, buyers
Do. Preference	$1	$1.40
Raubs	13s.10d.	$22
New Amoy Dock	$10	$18, sellers
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manila	$50	$76, sellers
China Mutual Ord.	£5	£2 15s. buyers
Do. Preference	£10	£7 10s. buyers
Douglas Steamship	$50	$57
H., Canton and M.	$15	$28½, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	£10	$52½, buyers
Tebrau Planting Co.	$5	$5, sellers
Do.	$2	$2, sellers
	$10	$10, nominal
Wanchai Warehouse	$37½	$42, buyers
Watson & Co., A. S.	$10	$12, sellers

J. V. Y. VERNON, Broker.

OPIUM.

with all'ance of ctt's.
New Malwa (this year's) $760 0 to 4 "
Old Malwa (2/3 years) ...$770 0 to 2½ "
Older Malwa (4/6 y'rs) ...$800 ½ to 2½ "
New Patna ......$717½ New Benares $711¼
Old Benares $737½
Persian ....$490 to $630
Oily and Paper-wrapped ....$540 to $660
Sales:—1 chest.

THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 12th JANUARY, at 4 p.m.

Station.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Tokyo	30.22	—	—	N	2	—	...
Kochi	30.27	—	—	SE	2	—	...
Nagasaki	30.31	—	—	N	2	—	...
Kagoshima	30.23	—	—	S	2	—	...
Gutzlaff	30.28	64	80	SE	1	bv	...
Sharp Peak	30.20	58	84	NW	1	df	...
Amoy	30.12	65	78	E	2	b	...
Swatow	—	—	—	ESE	2	b	...
Canton	30.10	68	56	N	1	b	...
Hongkong	30.11	68	55	E	3	b	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	E	1	—	...
Gap Rock	30.10	—	—	NE	4	—	...
Macao	30.12	70	—	ENE	1	c	...
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Bolinao	29.60	82	56	N	1	b	...
Manila	29.88	84	77	—	0	c	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	SW	2	b	...
13th JANUARY, at 10 a.m.							
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Tokyo	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Gutzlaff	30.20	52	79	ESE	3	cv	...
Sharp Peak	30.19	59	91	—	0	fr	...
Amoy	30.16	60	88	SW	2	c	...
Swatow	—	—	—	N	1	cf	...
Canton	30.14	62	94	—	0	c	...
Hongkong	30.15	68	50	—	0	b	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	ENE	3	—	...
Gap Rock	30.15	—	—	NNE	3	—	...
Macao	30.13	60	—	NE	1	c	...
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Bolinao	29.92	80	78	SE	3	c	...
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	NE	6	f	...

On the 13th at 11 30 a.m. The barometer has fallen generally. Pressure is slightly in defect over China with the highest pressure probably covering Japan. Gradients slight on the coast, moderate in the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate or light NE. winds; fair.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.11	30.16	30.05
Temperature	68	68	63
Humidity	55	50	65
Direction of wind	E	—	ENE
Force	3	0	1
Weather	b	b	o
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 12th 70
Lowest open air temperature on the 12th 17

F. G. FIGG, Acting Director.
Hongkong Observatory, 13th January, 1898.

Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register, 13th Jan.
Barometer 9 a.m. ...30.10 Therm. 9 a.m. (Wet bulb) 61
Barometer 1 p.m. ...30.00 Therm. 1 p.m. (Wet bulb) 63
Barometer 4 p.m. ...29.99 Therm. 4 p.m. (Wet bulb) 62
Thermom. 9 a.m. ... 65 Therm. Maximum 68
Thermom. 1 p.m. ... 68 Therm. Minimum (overnight) 62
Thermom. 4 p.m. ... 68

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.
14th to 20th January.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water Height.	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Fri.	14	m 0 17	4 2	m 7 20	—0 3
		1 45 a	3 0	7 3 a	1 2
Sat.	15	m 1 14	3 5	m 7 31	0 8
		2 27 a	3 5	8 30 a	1 1
Sun.	16	m 2 22	2 7	m 8 31	0 8
		3 19 a	3 11	10 53 a	0 6
Mon.	17	m 4 10	1 10	m 8 58	1 1
		4 18 a	4 4		
Tues.	18	m 0 34	1 6	m 0 26	—0 1
		6 21 a	4 11	m 9 30	1 4
Wed.	19	m 3 24	1 7	m 1 27	—0 9
		6 18 a	5 4	m 10 40	1 7
Thurs.	20	m 0 39	1 9	m 2 12	—1 5
		7 11 a	5 9	[illegible] 4 a	1 7

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, via CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(Subject to Alteration.)

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R. ......WEDNESDAY, 19th Jan., 1898
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb., 1898
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R. ......WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., 1898

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1897. [8

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.				FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION CO.			
Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.	Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Tacoma	2,549	A. Dixon	Feb. 1	Pelican	2,338	A. Gove	Feb. 8
Victoria	3,167	J. Truebridge	Feb. 22	Braemar	3,601	E. Porter	March 8
Olympia	2,608	Dobson	March 15	Mogul	3,654	W. H. Wright	March 29
Columbia	2,605	A. Gow	April 5				

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG to LONDON, £47.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. Doctor and Stewardess carried.
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The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the Rocky and Cascade Mountains. The Yellowstone National Park route.

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The best route to the Klondyke Gold Fields. Frequent Sailings from Victoria, Tacoma and Portland to Dyea and St. Michael.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, Tacoma, Wash., for Goods forwarded via that port, and to the Freight Agent, Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon, for Goods Shipped by that route.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [9

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
Tosa Maru, C. Hillcoat	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Wednesday, 19th Jan. at Daylight.
Hiroshima Maru, N. Ohno	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Friday, 21st January, at Noon.
Sagami Maru, M. J. Curnow	SHANGHAI, JINSEN, SHIMONOSEKI & KOBE	Friday, 21st January, at 4 P.M.
Omi Maru, C. Young	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Monday, 24th January, Noon.
Yamaguchi Maru, S. Kawamuro	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	Tuesday, 25th January, at Noon.
*Kagoshima Maru, W. Thompson	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., via Kobe & Yokohama	Thursday, 27th January, at 4 P.M.
Yamashiro Maru, J. Jones	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne	Friday, 28th January at 4 P.M.
Inaba Maru, W. Bainbridge	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via Singapore (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), Penang, Colombo & Port Said.	Thursday, 3rd February, at 4 P.M.

*Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [11

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

For	Steamers	To sail on	Remarks.
SHANGHAI, Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Shanghai, E. P. Bishop	About 15th January.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Java, J. Chellew, R.N.R.	About 21st January.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	Ganges, T. F. Creery	About 23rd January.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Verona, C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R.	Noon, 27th January.	See Special Advertisement.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Rosetta, F. N. Tillard	Noon, 28th January.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Ceylon, R. B. Pearce	About 5th February	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [1

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship "CHIHLI," Captain Newcombe, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [202

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship "HOIHOW," Captain Smale, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 14th inst., at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [200

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SOURABAYA AND SAMARANG.

THE Company's Steamship "FAUSANG," Captain N. Moncur, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [188

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship "FORMOSA," Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [207

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA DIRECT.

THE Company's Steamship "ZAFIRO," Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at Noon.

This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [208

FOR NEW YORK.

THE * 3/3 L.I.I. American Bark "GERARD C. TOBEY," Shurtly, Master, will load here for the above port and will be despatched in January.

For Freight, apply to REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2835

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Captain.	For Freight Apply to	To be Despatched.
LONDON via Suez Canal	Orestes	Brit. str.	Barr	Butterfield & Swire	On 19th inst.
LONDON	Java	Brit. str.	Chellew, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 21st inst.
LONDON	Ceylon	Brit. str.	Pearce	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 5th Feb.
LONDON via Straits, &c.	Verona	Brit. str.	Tocque, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & Liverpool v. Straits	Kaisow	Brit. str.	Warrall	Holliday, Wise & Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
BREMEN via Ports of Call	Preussen	Ger. str.	Wettin	Melchers & Co.	On 1st Feb., at 11 A.M.
ANTWERP, Bremen, H'berg, &c.	Darmstadt	Ger. str.		Melchers & Co.	On or about 15th Feb.
TRIESTE v. Straits, Bombay, &c.	Poseidon	Aus. str.	Mayer	Sander & Co.	On 18th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, &c.	Inaba Maru	Jap. str.	Bainbridge	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 3rd Feb., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES via Saigon, etc	Saghalien	Fren. str.	Sellier	Messageries Maritimes	On 19th inst., at Noon.
VANCOUVER, v. Shanghai, &c	Empress of China	Brit. str.	Pybus, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	On 19th inst., at Noon.
PORTLAND, Oregon via Kobe	Pelican	Brit. str.	Gove	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 8th Feb., at Noon.
SEATTLE, W'ngton, v. Kobe, &c.	Kagoshima Maru	Jap. str.	Thompson	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA v. S'hai	Tacoma	Brit. str.	Dixon	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
BALTIMORE	Standard	Amer. ship	Snow	Melchers & Co.	January.
SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai	Gaelic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SAN FRANCISCO via S'hai, &c.	C. of Peking	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO	New York	Amer. ship	Peabody	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	P. Adelaide	Brit. str.		Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 26th inst.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	Lydorhorn	Brit. str.		Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On or about 31st inst.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	Benledi	Brit. str.	Farquhar	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On 17th inst.
NEW YORK	Gerard C. Tobey	Amer. bk.	Shurtly	Reuter Bröckelmann & Co.	January.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Tosa Maru	Jap. str.	Hillcoat	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 19th inst., Daylight.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Hiroshima Maru	Jap. str.	Ohno	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 21st inst., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, Kobe & Y'hama	Omi Maru	Jap. str.	Young	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, Kobe & Y'hama	Rosetta	Brit. str.	Tillard	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, Kobe & Nagasaki	Hohenzollern	Ger. str.	Bleeker	Melchers & Co.	On or about 13th inst.
SHANGHAI, Kobe & Y'hama	Sydney	Fren. str.	Aubert	Messageries Maritimes	On or about 18th inst.
S'HAI, N'saki, Kobe & Y'hama	Shanghai	Brit. str.	Bishop	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 15th inst.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	Amphitrite	Aus. str.	Costanzo	Sander & Co.	On 20th inst.
SHANGHAI, Jinsen, &c.	Sagami Maru	Jap. str.	Curnow	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Hoihow	Brit. str.	Smale	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Preussen	Ger. str.	Wettin	Melchers & Co.	On or about 15th inst.
SHANGHAI	Ganges	Brit. str.	Creery	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 23rd inst.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	Chihli	Brit. str.	Newcombe	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at Noon.
AMOY & TAMSUI	Formosa	Brit. str.	Hodgins	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight
SWATOW, Amoy & Foochow	Haitan	Brit. str.	Roach	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 16th inst., Daylight.
MANILA DIRECT	Zafiro	Brit. str.	Cobban	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Guthrie	Brit. str.	Craig	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
T'DAY ISLAND, Townsville, &c.	Yamashiro Maru	Jap. str.	Jones	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
SOURABAYA & SAMARANG	Fausang	Brit. str.	Moncur	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, S'rang & S'baya	Chunsang	Brit. str.	Buller	Jardine Matheson & Co.	On 17th inst., at 4 P.M.
S'PORE, Colombo, & Bombay	Yamaguchi Maru	Jap. str.	Kawamuro	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 25th inst., at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Lightning	Brit. str.	Spence	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	On 13th inst., at 3 P.M.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the Inland Sea.)

THE Company's Steamship "HOHENZOLLERN," Captain H. Bleeker, will leave for the above ports on or about the 13th inst.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [7

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, via THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS and ATLANTIC and OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	Saturday, Jan. 15, 1898, at Daylight.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	Thursday, Feb. 3, 1898, at Noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	Thursday, Feb. 22, 1898, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 15th January, 1898, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [4

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG, AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship "CHUNSANG," Captain Buller, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 17th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [209

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, &c.)

THE Steamship "GUTHRIE," Captain Craig, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th inst., at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the China Navigation Company and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [137

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.I. American Ship "NEW YORK," Peabody, Master, load for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1897. [52

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain P. Wettin, due here with the outward German Mail about the 12th inst., will leave for the above place about TO-MORROW, the 15th inst.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [7

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "BENLEDI," Captain Farquhar will be despatched as above about 17th January.

Application for Freight should be made at once as there is only a limited space available.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1898. [02

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship "LIGHTNING," Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 18th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [203

U.S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1898, at Noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	Saturday, Feb. 12, 1898, at Noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, & Yokohama)	Thursday, March 3, 1898, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 25th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the Southern Pacific, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande, and Northern Pacific Railways; also the Canadian Pacific Railway on payment of $4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the Southern Pacific, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines. Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [3

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "PORT ADELAIDE," will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th January, 1898.

To be followed by the
S.S. "GHAZEE" sail about 20th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "ARGYLL" do. 5th Mar., 1898.
S.S. "PATHAN" do. 20th Mar., 1898.
S.S. "LENNOX" do. 10th April, 1898.
S.S. "ENERGIA" do. 30th April, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [2404-2670

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(Under Mail Contract with the Austrian Government.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURRACHEE, ADEN, MASSAWA, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to Calcutta, Madras, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Black Sea, Levant, Adriatic, and South African Ports.)

THE Company's Steamship "POSEIDON," Captain R. Mayer, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 18th inst.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [5

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANÇAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship "SYDNEY," Captain Aubert, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 18th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [2

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship "ORESTES," Captain Barr, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [2768

FOR BALTIMORE.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship "STANDARD," Snow, Master, shortly expected from Amoy, will load here for the above port during January.

For Freight, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [54

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

The Company's Steamers will call at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.
(Subject to Alteration.)

Preussen	Tuesday	1st Feb.
Sachsen	Tuesday	1st March.
Bayern	Wednesday	30th Mar.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	27th April.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, 1898, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain P. Wettin, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at Naples and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 29th January, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 31st January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 31st January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [7

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Extra Steamer "DARMSTADT" will be despatched as above on or about 15th of February, 1898.

To be followed by the Steamer "CREFELD," on or about the 15th of March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [55

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "LYDERHORN" will be despatched as above on or about the 15th February, 1898.

To be followed by the S.S. "ORWELL" on or about the 28th February, 1898.

For Freight, &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [127

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND LIVERPOOL VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
(Taking Cargo at through rates for Glasgow, Continental Ports, River Plate, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship "KAISOW." Captain E. Warrall, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 18th inst., at Noon.

For Freight, &c., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [77

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 19th January, 1898, at Noon, the Company's Steamship "SAGHALIEN," Captain Sellier, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo will leave this port for MARSEILLES via ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 18th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [2

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(Under Mail Contract with the Austrian Government.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship "AMPHITRITE," Captain G. Costanzo, will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 20th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [5

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for Batavia, Persian Gulf, Continental and American Ports.

THE Steamship "VERONA," Captain C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 27th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [1

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in China and Japan for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in South Africa, in connection with Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s fortnightly service hence to Calcutta. Sailings from Calcutta for Cape Ports every fortnight.

For freight and further particulars, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [10

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "IRENE," Captain R. Schuder, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [167

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "TANTALUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 10th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 17th inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 14th inst.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [163

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "ROHILLA," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex s.s. *Britannia* and *Oriental*.
From Australia, ex s.s. *Valetta*.
From Calcutta, ex s.s. *Massilia*.
From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. *Khandalla*, *Assyria*, and *Kapurthala*.
From Madras, ex s.s. *Lalpoora*.

Goods not cleared by the 17th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [1

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, SOUTHAMPTON, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "TAMBA MARU," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 17th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All ship damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company and sent in to this office within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [194

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "LIGHTNING" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 14th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wanchai.

Consignees of cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside. Such cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [203

SHIPPING IN PORT.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Anping, Chinese str., 1,156, Stewart, Jan. 10, C. M. S. N. Co
Astral, British steamer, 1,472, Major, Jan. 13, Meyer & Co
Astrid, Norwegian str., 957, Ellegers, Jan. 4, Lauts, Wegener & Co
Bygdo, Norwegian str., 773, Brekke, Dec. 27, Wieler & Co
Chihli, British str., 1,048, Newcomb, Jan. 9, Butterfield & Swire
China, German str., 1,113, Schipper, Jan. 13, Siemssen & Co
Choysang, British str., 1,194, Bowker, Jan. 10, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Chunsang, British str., 1,418, Buller, Jan. 12, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Empress of China, British str., 3,003, Pybus, Dec. 28, C. P. R. Co
Fatshan, British str., 1,425, J. Dick, H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Fausang, British str., 1,410, Moncur, Jan. 10, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Formosa, British str., 674, Hodgins, Jan. 13, Douglas Lapraik & Co
Frejr, Danish steamer, 395, Funder, Jan. 12, A. R. Marty
Gaelic, British steamer, 2,690, Finch, Jan. 5, O. & O. S. S. Co
Haimun, British str., 633, Bathurst, Jan. 9, Douglas Lapraik & Co
Hankow, British str., 2,235, C. V. Lloyd, Butterfield & Swire, for Canton
Hanoi, French steamer, 739, Menard, Jan. 12, A. R. Marty
Hermann, German str., 808, Garnitzka, Dec. 21, Melchers & Co
Hermes, Norwegian str., 849, Jensen, Jan. 12, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Heungshan, British steamer, 1,054, J. Smith, H., C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Macao
Hohenzollern, Ger. str., 2,039, Bleeker, Jan. 3, Melchers & Co
Hoihow, British steamer, 896, Smale, Jan. 9, Butterfield & Swire
Honam, British str., 1,344, S. W. Goggin, H., C. & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Ingraban, German str., 894, Piper, Dec. 29, Wieler & Co
Jacob Christensen, Norw. str., 1,088, Hansen, Jan. 9, Wieler & Co
Kaifong, British str., 998, Wright, Jan. 11, Butterfield & Swire
Kiangpak, Chinese str., 779, Berntsen, Jan. 2, Chinese
Krim, Norwegian str., 1,117, Irgens, Jan. 1, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Kweiyang, British str., 1,060, Outerbridge, Jan. 11, Butterfield & Swire
Kwonghoi, British str., 419, Rowin, Chinese, for Canton
Lightning, British str., 2,124, Spence, Jan. 12, David Sassoon, Sons & Co
Loosok, British steamer, 1,020, Jackson, Jan. 12, Yuen Fat Hong
Pakshan, British str., 1,235, Jenkins, Jan. 1, Butterfield & Swire
Pasig, Chinese steamer, 284, C. Koch, Chinese, for Canton
Powan, British str., 1,842, A. N. Patrick, H. C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Preussen, German str., 3,278, Wettin, Jan. 13, Melchers & Co
Sabine Rickmers, Ger. str., 593, Sanders, Jan. 7, Arnhold, Karberg & Co
Saikung, British str., 259, Shierhorst, Chinese, for Canton
Siegfried, German str., 908, Schuldt, Jan. 1, Harling, Buschmann & Menzell
Tai On, British str., 769, Gallconski, Chinese, for Canton
Taiwan, British steamer, 1,109, Harder, Jan. 13, Butterfield & Swire
Tamsui, British steamer, 919, Moore, Jan. 11, Butterfield & Swire
Tordenskjold, Norw. str., 738, Danielsen, Jan. 12, Harling, Buschmann & Menzell
Triumph, German steamer, 675, Reike, Jan. 1, Jebsen & Co
Woosung, British str., 1,109, Clegg, Jan. 7, Butterfield & Swire
Yiksang, British steamer, 887, Muir, Jan. 11, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Zafiro, British steamer, 675, Cobban, Jan. 11, Shewan, Tomes & Co

SAILING VESSELS.

Anna Bertha, Ger. bark, 269, Nielsen, Dec. 16, Chinese
Fannie Scholfield, British bark, 1,066, Veitch, Sept. 21, Order
Fred. P. Litchfield, Amr. bark, 990, Hardy, Nov. 29, Order
Gerard C. Tobey, Amr. ship, 1,390, Shurtly, Nov. 21, Captain
Lothair, Italian bark, 793, Ferato, Nov. 22, D. Musso & Co
New York, Amr. ship, 1,897, Peabody, Nov. 11, Shewan, Tomes & Co
Sachem, Amr. bark, 1,267, Nickels, Nov. 22, Standard Oil Co
Santa Cruz, Amr. schr., —, O'Keefe, Dec. 31, Captain
Selkirk, British ship, 1,646, Crowe, Dec. 19, Order
Serrano, Amr. bark, 613, Waterhouse, Nov. 24, Chinese
Standard, Amr. ship, 1,461, Gotchell, Dec. 31, Melchers & Co
Sumatra, British bark, 721, Jones, Dec. 18, Wieler & Co
West York, British bark, 688, Davis, Oct. 18, Order

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Bjorg, Norwegian str., 484, Nilsen, Dec. 24, Order
Chehalis, Amr. bark, 612, Simonsen, Dec. 10, Browne & Co
Chingwo, British steamer, 2,517, Harris, Dec. 30, Holme, Ringer & Co
Glengyle, British steamer, 2,244, Hill, Dec. 31, Browne & Co
Inaba Maru, Jap. str., 3,500, Bainbridge, Dec. 30, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Midas, British bark, 1,362, Messenger, Dec. 22, Browne & Co
Novik, Russian str., 194, Erickson, Dec. 22, Holme, Ringer & Co
Osaka, British ship, 517, Hanssen, Dec. 28, Holme, Ringer & Co
Totomi Maru, Jap. str., 1,947, Tate, Dec. 29, Nippon Yusen Kaisha

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